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I Chose You to Be Mine

Melva Rorem

At its source the river's origin was just a little stream. There, once at dawn, a tiny twig drifted along its way. Happily it danced above small stones that had been washed white by sparkling, clear water. Gaily it tripped along. Now fast, it sped. Now slow, it lagged behind. But always treading lightly. Always dreaming dreams of great tomorrows in ever widening streams.

Then, of a sudden, danger was all around. The waters whirled. The rocks were jagged. High threatening boulders blocked the way. It seemed there was no pathway for the twig to follow. There were rough turnings. And fearful twistings. And darkness everywhere.

Perhaps it ought to let itself be tossed aside. It would be easier to rest forever on some quiet shore. But with a sure and quiet gentleness the little twig held fast its place against the surging storm. Nor did the struggle end until the whirling waters and the jagged rocks and threatening boulders were behind.

Once more into the widening stream the small twig flowed. Now into quiet waters. Now into wide expanses of the river. Now into the narrowing bay. And finally and gloriously, one day into the mighty ocean.

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We are as twigs aimlessly drifting here and there until our hopes and dreams and all of life is laid safe in the hand of Him who made us and who guides our way.

Unto the depths of night you sang your song.
It was a prayer to heaven for Love divine.
Hearing your cry I could not turn away.
I came to earth. I chose you to be mine.
Unto a heaven of stars you sang your song
That night at Bethlehem when all was still—
Your song of dark despair and death and sin.
And in my heart I saw a cross to fill.
I saw your face haunted by care and fear,
Lost in a maze of darkening mystery.
And on my cheek I felt a mother's tear
Who saw me crucified upon a tree.

Across the heartstrings of your soul I swept
And at my touch your pulse throbbed dimly
Into the trembling night that had been yours
I let the quiet peace of God drop low.
The gifts of love I gave to you were joy
And life and rest, and in their place
You gave to me the burden of your sin,
That you might stand a son before God's face
Unto the morning stars you sing your song,
A quiet miracle of Love divine.
Ah, give me worship, tenderness, and trust,
Who made you mine.

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth . . .

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"Cold, howling blizzards. . . ."

THE ADVENTURE OF PRAIRIE BEAUTY

Six Adventures of the Prairie Pastor

Elmo Agrimson

Few areas of our country offer such free association with rugged, untouched natural scenery as the Upper Great Plains. Here one breathes the kind of air for which urban folks gasp as they rush madly from the city on weekends. Modern farming methods have added interesting colors and patterns to this great, rough table. Strip cropping looks like artistic design. The hand of man seems the finger of the Creator creating geometric figures.

Most impressive about the plains are the plains themselves. Vast, rolling prairie broken occasionally by odd-shaped, naked buttes, stone-capped or red scoria hills, might create a panic of lonely, emotional free-wheeling. But they certainly spell out an intense passion for freedom in the native breast.

Unnumbered twinkling stars in a silent, unmeasurable sky at night bring us back to the days of cowboy Abraham, restless as a Viking, wandering from one of civilization's great wonders to seek better pastures for

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he had loved "them thar
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feelings called folks' attention to the beauty of

oughts about prairie beauty are not intended as
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outdoor life. Yet, they speak with such feeling
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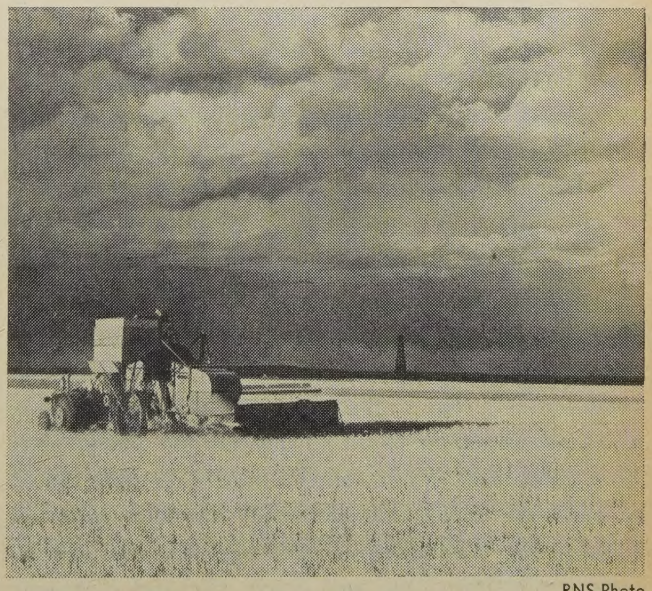
endentalists who made God and nature almost the



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"Oil derricks against the sky . . . like geological blood transfusion apparatus."

hungry cattle, and a new spiritual family. To be numbered as stars on a prairie night means not only counting people, nor that eternity is coming, but that we have merely a few moments to think of destiny. Strange voices may come out of this mysterious unknown—the lonely howl of the coyote or the queer squeak of the owl—seeming to ask questions of the unrevealed. Few of us hear the pre-dawn chirp of birds. These notes together with the songs of thousands of meadow larks help us to realize that one misses much of the teeming life which goes on in this assumedly barren land.

Who can love sagebrush; that tiresome symbol of half-desert country? Yet that tough, runty bush has the job of protecting birds, rabbits, antelope, and often sheep and cattle. As the strong, musky odor floats across the gumbo flats on hot summer days, it tingles me like a healthy dose of masculine perfume.

The Upper Great Plains contain the last chapters of many fascinating incidents. Here the last frontier of American history was closed and the final great Indian battles were fought. The latest large homestead tracts represent the welding shut of the economic safety valve which was such a boon for depression and population problems in our country.

The geological ages are well defined by coal, fossils in the sandstone, petrified forests, and faults along the river banks. As one looks at these testimonies from great periods of different climate and strange life, creation becomes more impressive.

Oil derricks against the skyline operate like geological blood transfusion apparatus connecting the resources of one generation with the needs of another. The pulsating purr of the diesel motor seems to disturb the unconsecrated grave of the dinosaur. The period of the sabre-toothed tiger hardly seems more morbid than the curse of the hydrogen bomb.

Such outlines a little of the features of prairie wonders. *Not all is beauty.* The wind reminds one of the Adversary in Job. Cold, howling blizzards make you feel snug with book and family, although there always remains that inward worry for man and livestock on the plains.

A clear or nearly cloudless day on the plains ends like a good book. Sunset on the prairie reminds me of the shivering velvet that closes off the stage after an exciting play. The glorious tints of gold, red, yellow, orange, sometimes blue and green, rise and disappear like Homer's "Many-Fingered Dawn."

The World Council of Churches

Herman E. Jor

One of the representatives of the Church of N at the recent World Council of Churches Assem Evanston was the Rt. Rev. Johannes Smemo, Bisl Oslo and Primate of the Church of Norway. homeland he is known as a truly confessional t church leader, as a man of sound judgment, and ecclesiastic of wide but discriminating sympathies

Before returning to his own country, he obli answered a number of questions in an interview me as editor of *Lutheraneren*. One of these deal his impressions of the World Council of Church sembly, and as this may be a matter of interest to readers of LUTHERAN HERALD, I hereby submit h swer in translation. My question was "May I as kindly to sum up those results of the Assembly in your opinion are the most important?"

His answer was:

"I do not find it easy to give a brief summa such results, particularly because there has not beer cient time to view the event in a satisfactory perspe However, I may give as my chief impression t seems to me a notable thing that such an assembl possible, marked as it was by a free and open discu on basic problems without resulting in a deepeni existing schisms, of which certain misgivings ha been wanting beforehand. The fact that things w well as they did gives foundation for the hope further progress in ecumenical interchange of th may be possible in the future.

"Incidentally, it may be observed that that which pens *between* assemblies may, perhaps, be looked as being the most productive results; as for instanc appearance of the treatise, "Christ, the Hope o World," which was prepared prior to the Evansto sembly by a number of churchmen of various c sional backgrounds. To me this brochure seems a a miracle in evidence of a united Christian testim being, in fact, a strong indication of the manner in w Christendom seems to be moving forward towa common recognition of what constitutes basic Chr truth.

"Of the Assembly itself it may be said that in m followed a similar line, even though sharp clash opinion did occur, and in spite of the fact that one have wished for a more clear emphasis on the Bi message of hope. It should be recognized, how that an increased willingness to listen to Holy W in evidence in most Churches today. And there reasons for believing that this willingness was stre

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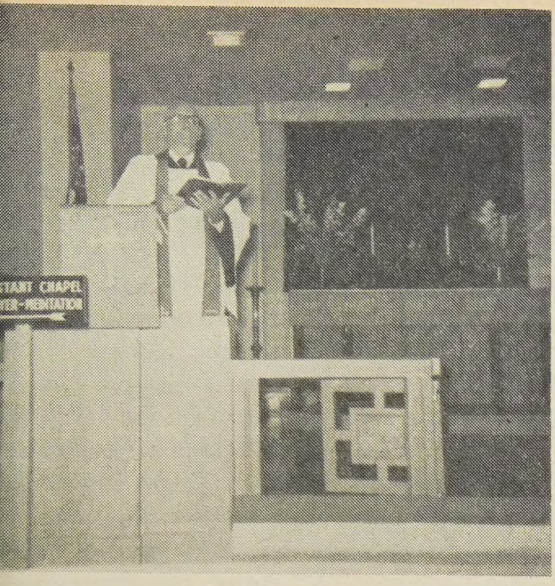
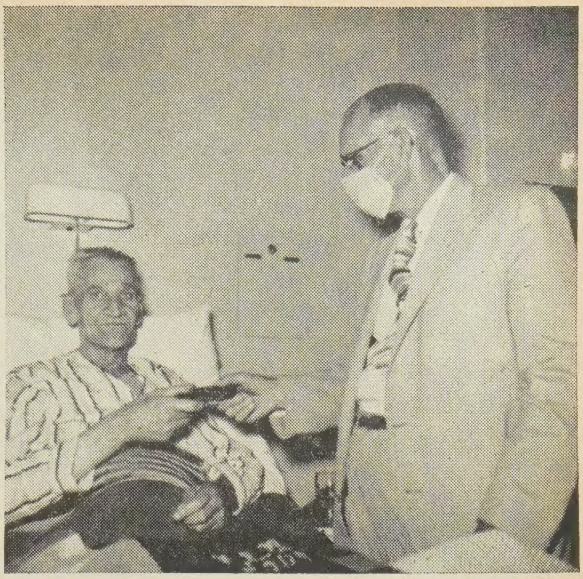
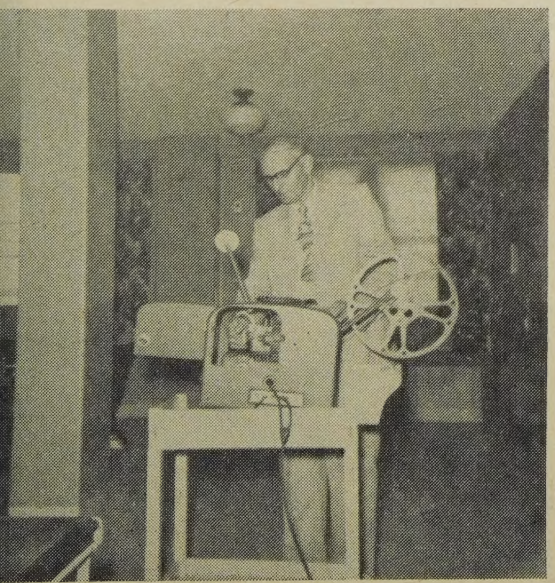


ain Tollefsrud in the pulpit of the new chapel at the Minne- Veterans Administration Hospital.



A Testament is presented by Chaplain Tollefsrud to a TB patient.

A noon-day broadcast is conducted by the Chaplain.



aplain often shows religious films to the patients at the .

"I Was Sick, and Ye Visited Me"

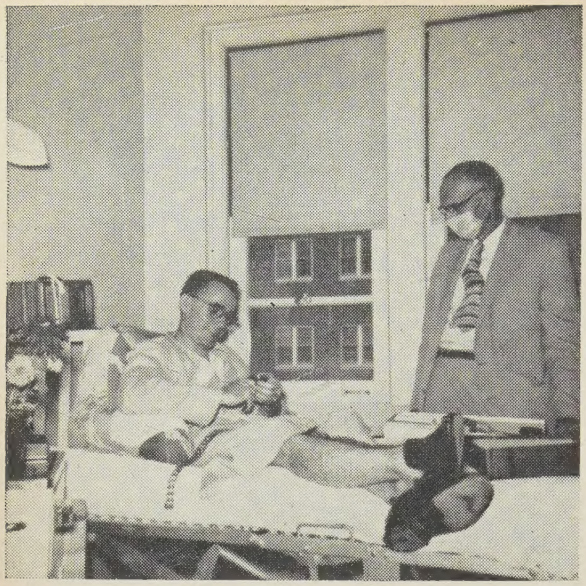
M. B. Tollefsrud

A SPIRITUAL MINISTRY TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

Sick people need the ministration of the Church in order that they may grow spiritually, and as an aid to speedy recovery. In our country government and Church have co-operated in providing such ministration for our hospitalized veterans.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church makes pastors available through ecclesiastical endorsement, and our government appoints such pastors to be Veterans Administration Chaplains as part of Civil Service. Some of these are on a part-time basis, and others on full-time. As one of these chaplains, I am stationed at the Minneapolis Administration Hospital that has a bed capacity of 1,046. Chaplain Carl Foss is serving at the Seattle V. A. Hospital with a bed capacity of 306, and Chaplain John Eggen is on duty with the V. A. at the 504-bed Denver, Colo., hospital.

Hospital chaplains conduct services Sundays and week days. At our Minneapolis V. A. Hospital, which is one of the larger hospitals, we have three full-time chaplains. Two are Protestant and one is Roman Catholic. Part-time ministration is also carried on by a representative of the local Rabbinical Association. On Sundays there are eight religious services, and two



Captain Tollefsrud visits with a patient on a TB Ward who is busy with a project under occupational therapy.

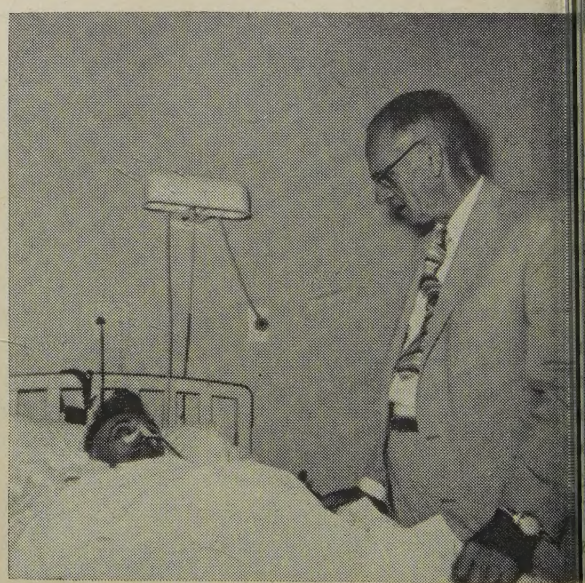
Volunteers assist the chaplains with office work.

A patient comes to confer with the Chaplain in his office.

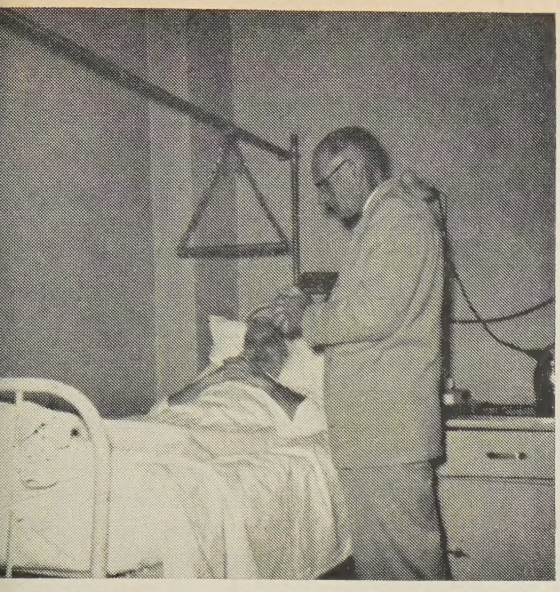
services each week day, Monday through Friday cial mid-week meetings are held Wednesday and day. The two Protestant chaplains at the Minne Veterans Administration Hospital are C. H. Presbyterian U. S. A., and myself, of The Evan Lutheran Church. During the week we visit th tients in their rooms, supply them with religious ture, talk with them about the one thing ne pray with them, and administer Holy Communic them according to their wishes.

Our chief concern is for the seriously ill, u about 50 to 60 patients at the Minneapolis V. A. pital. These people we see frequently. We are anxious to meet the new admissions, so as to asc their needs and to become acquainted with the bed tag at the foot of each bed gives the patient's address, nearest of kin, birth date, admission date religious preference. We respect this declaration ligious preference with the same conscientiousne we maintain towards confidential matters impart us by the patients. The Veterans Administratio pects this of its chaplains.

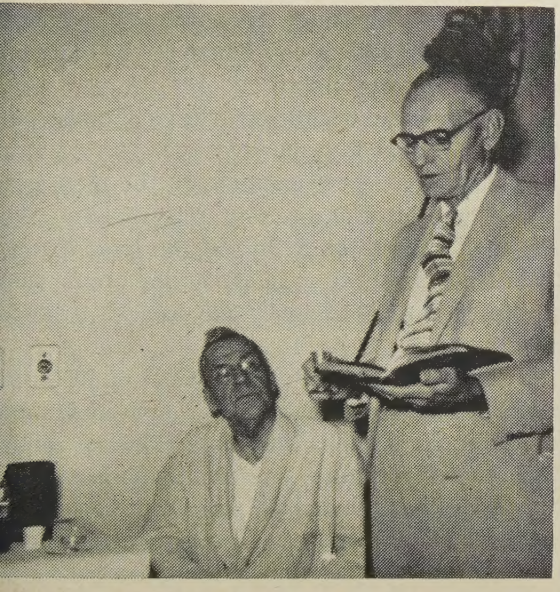
We have many wonderful experiences in our be ministry. People sometimes ask, "Isn't it depressi keep on visiting the sick and injured day after d I have not found it so. On the contrary, after nine of this work, I find it most gratifying and rewar We see so many instances where individuals are he that one cannot but be most thankful to God fo wonderful gift of medical science. Also I believe tha Veterans Administration has the finest medical fac in the world. We frequently have opportunity to in individual patients for baptism and confirmation, some are not church members.



In his work, the chaplain visits many patients, such as the operative patient visited by Chaplain Tollefsrud in the picture a



Captain Tollefsrud prays with an orthopedic patient.



A bed-side Communion Service

rge addition to the Minneapolis V. A. Hospital ompleted last year. In this new building we have utiful chapel and fine office space. Services for the l religious groups are conducted in this one l. Bulletin boards along the entrance corridor give nation as to the time for these various services meetings. When pastors come to visit patients their congregations we are very happy to see and to assist them in any way we can. We also ciate it when they write us about a patient, for igh we would see that patient anyway, it helps so to bring a greeting from the home church.

V. A. Chaplains have the help of volunteers who on Sunday by helping wheel-chair patients get to es, and on certain week days by typing and filing Chaplain's Office. The Chaplains serve under the direct supervision of the hospital manager. At Minneapolis V. A. Hospital we are very appreciative for the keen interest evinced by our manager, Dr. John A. Seaberg, whose father was a pastor in the Swedish M. E. Church.

We wish to thank our good friend, Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of LUTHERAN HERALD, for the invitation to prepare this article. We cherish every link with our Evangelical Lutheran Church, and we are thankful that our church officials have always shown a fine interest in our work, and have made us feel that the Institutional Chaplain and his work are still a part of the ministry of our Church.

Clergy Roster

O. H. Hove,
General Secretary

Attention is hereby called to the resolution regarding the clergy roster adopted by the 1954 General Convention as recommended by the Church Council and the Board of Review.

The resolution as adopted is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following statement of policy on the clergy roster be adopted by the Church:

All ordained pastors of the church body, active or emeriti, shall be on the clergy roster of one of the districts of the church body and under the discipline of the district.

The district has authority under the Constitution to admit pastors to its clergy roster as well as to suspend and dismiss pastors.

Pastors may continue on the clergy roster of a district only as long as they serve parishes of the church body, agencies, activities, or institutions of the church body or segments of the church body, or in such non-synodical or inter-synodical Lutheran agencies and other activities or institutions as have been officially recognized for this purpose by vote of the Church Council on application through the president of the church body. This does not apply to pastors emeriti.

All pastors shall perform ministerial acts only by authority of a congregation, such acts to be recorded in the books of the congregation. However, those serving as chaplains in the armed forces or who are properly called to serve as chaplains in institutions or agencies, may perform such ministerial acts as properly come within the scope of their work.

Pastors who are suspended or dismissed by a district may appeal their case to the Church Council, whose decision shall be final.

The district president shall issue a letter of transfer to a pastor who has accepted a call to another district.

It took one hour and five minutes for the American Lutheran Church to have its say and make its decision on matters relating to the four-way merger. It could as well have taken five minutes. Not one word of criticism was heard of the *Report*. In fact, the only criticism which was voiced was that things were going too slowly. When President Schuh mildly commented that perhaps some of the mistakes made in earlier mergers could be avoided if we are a bit deliberate in our preparations for this one, a good brother remarked, "Some of these matters will not be fully taken care of until the Lord comes again."

All this took place Wednesday afternoon, October 6, at Beatrice, Neb., where the ALC held its biennial convention. Earlier in the week Dr. Aasgaard preached the convention sermon and Dr. Schiotz spoke officially on the ELC's behalf. At the merger session, the general secretary and the editor were present as ELC representatives. We also saw at least one ELC pastor who was able to be present; there may have been others.

Our readers are possibly somewhat familiar with convention procedures in the American Lutheran Church. Voting strength is confined to about 175 delegates. Deliberative strength is increased by a hundred or more men who have voice but not vote. Thus it is possible to carry on the work of the convention on a more intimate plane than is the case in our conventions.

Each major issue to come before the convention is entrusted to a "Floor Committee," appointed, as we understand it, by the president of the Church from the convention membership. Merger matters, for example, came from Floor Committee I-b, which consisted of nine pastors and five lay delegates, plus four advisors. The advisors were all members of the Committee on Union and Fellowship. This committee had worked endless hours and had conducted two open hearings. Their report (which embraced other things in addition to matters relating to the four-way merger) consisted of seven single-space mimeographed pages.

The practice followed is for the secretary of the Floor Committee to read the report in its entirety. Then each section is discussed from the floor. When the convention is satisfied that ample time has been devoted to a full discussion, the resolutions are put to a vote.

Parenthetically, may we remark that we become more and more convinced that this is a good procedure. It is very similar to the procedure the ELC discarded some years ago when what we called "Working Committees" gave way to a so-called "Board of Review." When the details of procedure for the new Church are discussed, we hope that serious thought will be given to the adoption of some sort of "Floor Committee" plan for the preparation of matters for presentation on the convention floor. It appears to us to be democratic and efficient.

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The heart of the Floor Committee Report was, of c the same five resolutions which occupied the tir our convention last June. Their presentation prefaced by a committee statement outlining ho *Report of the Joint Union Committee* came t urging prayer for God's guidance, and expressing t to those who have represented the American Lut Church in the negotiations. Then came the r mendation of the Floor Committee that the resol be adopted "in order that there be no undue del continuing merger negotiations."

The Floor Committee proposed several state interpreting the resolutions. These are so importan we reprint them in full:

"The American Lutheran Church understand Resolutions IV and V above:

"a) That in the preparation of the Articles c corporation, the Constitution, the By-Laws, an Articles of Union, the *Report of the Joint Union mittee* shall serve as a guide and pattern, subje amendment and revision by the Joint Union Co tee;

"b) That though 'the definite vote' in 1956 calle by Resolution V is regarded as a definite commit to entering the proposed merger, it does not automa ly approve the various succeeding merger docum

"c) That 'the definite vote' in 1956, if affirmative, become final only after the American Lutheran Ch in accordance with her Constitution, has spoken thr her districts and accepted the Articles of Incorpor the Constitution, the By-Laws, and the Article Union."

Still another resolution was appended, the co of which shows as nothing else could the feeling c American Lutheran Church regarding this merger

"Resolved, That the American Lutheran Ch earnestly suggests that the Joint Union Committe deavor to prepare the documents without delay so final vote on the acceptance of these documents ca taken as soon as possible."

A section was devoted to the various "memo regarding the merger plans which had come from tricts. Mention was also made of various sugges which had come from individuals. The Floor Co tee, without having recourse to a resolution on this p suggested that all these matters be referred to the Committee on Union and Fellowship.

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CONSIDERS MERGER

ıe floor discussion of these matters, Dr. Schuh em- the same parliamentary device as Dr. Aasgaard t our convention. The meeting resolved itself into Committee of the Whole" so that discussion could e to range over the entire field of merger questions. d not count the number of speakers, but our guess there were about a dozen. Few of them spoke more hree or four minutes.

amazing thing about the discussion was the mity of sentiment. As we remarked at the outset, ıe word against the merger was spoken; not one sm of the *Report* was voiced. Time and again came pression of hope that the merger would be con- ated; time and again a bit of impatience at the ıg slowness of progress showed itself. Several times s of the Church found it wise to counsel patience. l then the vote was taken. The resolutions were ed, one at a time, by a unanimous vote. In fact, vas the unanimity that each "Aye" sounded like a hot. It was almost as though the convention had time out to rehearse so that each individual "Aye" l blend with all the other "Ayes" to make them all like a single voice. The 2,500 men who crowded al last June were able to make more noise, but they ıly were not able to express greater unanimity than e men at Beatrice. It was, truth to tell, one of the moving moments in this editor's experience. We ıever forget the thrill of it.

would also like to comment on the reverence of thering. To be sure, there were times when some r provoked the crowd to laughter. But over it all, was a spirit of reverence, a seeming consciousness ıis was the Church in session, that these matters he great affairs of the Kingdom. We know of no way to describe the whole thing than by saying his was a convention which showed itself to be ently enthusiastic."

en the vote had been taken, President Schuh called convention chaplain, the Rev. T. M. Gebhard, to ɔrayer. While the convention membership stood, so—warmly, beautifully. It was a solemn moment e American Lutheran Church, and the convention ership showed that it was aware of that fact. Each d acted in good faith; now they jointly commended ıole thing to the great Shepherd and Bishop of the h, beseeching Him to continue to walk with them l the consummation of the merger.

And Now—Forward!

The American Lutheran Church was the last of the four negotiating bodies to act on the *Report of the Joint Union Committee.* Last June the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and The Evangelical Lutheran Church adopted the *Report* and passed the Resolutions which enable the Joint Union Committee to go on with its work. The Lutheran Free Church deferred action on the *Report* for one year but took steps to continue in the negotiations.

And so the four Churches will go forward. The Joint Union Committee will hold its first meeting November 9 to organize for the coming biennium and to outline its work. Preliminary work is already being done by smaller committees within the four groups.

In this issue (on the following page, in fact) President Schiotz has his first official say on merger matters, a page which we know will be carefully read and considered by our Church. Our president outlines what has thus far been done by our Union Committee and what plans there are to secure the counsel and advice of the pastors and people of the Church.

We have no delusions about what lies ahead. Although the Joint Union Committee will be occupied chiefly with practical matters of organization, the task of the biennium is stupendous. To prepare for submission to the conventions of 1956 drafts of Articles of Union, Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Incorporation is a task to stagger the imagination. The fact that none of the conventions availed themselves of the "b" version of Resolution III makes the responsibility of the Joint Union Committee still greater, since there is no official statement of changes any of the Churches might desire.

On the other hand, we do not see how anyone can misunderstand the expressed will of the Churches. They want this merger and are not disposed to look favorably upon any delays. After both our convention and that of the ALC (the only two we could attend), we had the feeling that it would be a most serious matter if the four documents cannot be ready for the 1956 conventions.

Our reason for writing this is that we believe our people should understand what the Joint Union Committee is up against. On the one hand is the magnitude of the task; on the other is the expressed wish of the Churches to consummate this merger speedily.

We have every faith that the job can and will be done. We do, however, counsel patience. When the merger comes, we want it to be as nearly perfect as it can be. Support our Union Committee with prayers and with advice. Be assured that its members are as anxious to make progress as the rest of us. From now on their motto is, "By the grace of God—Forward."

Fortnightly Review

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President of t

THE TASK OF OUR UNION COMMITTEE

In considering the *Report of the Joint Union Committee* at its convention last June, the Church voted:

"The Evangelical Lutheran Church approves and adopts said total Report as a tentative step basic to and necessary for further steps toward merger."

In doing this the convention turned aside from a more tentative resolution which would have encouraged submission of suggested revisions of the *Report of the Joint Union Committee.* Dr. Aasgaard sensed that to close the door completely for such possibility would be contrary to the best traditions of our Church. He therefore announced that suggestions could be sent to Dr. O. G. Malmin, secretary of the Sub-Committee on Organization. A number of suggestions have been received and copies of all have been sent to each member of our Union Committee for his study. They will be given formal consideration when the relevant sections of the Constitution and By-Laws and the Articles of Union are under consideration.

The time has now come to advise our people that any further suggestions applicable to the *Report of the Joint Union Committee* submitted to the convention in June will have to reach Dr. Malmin before November 30 if they are to receive consideration.

The Union Committee elected by the convention in June met and organized Wednesday, September 15. The President of the Church was elected chairman and Dr. Tillman Sogge was elected secretary. The essential task of this committee, working with the Union Committees of three other American Lutheran Conference church bodies, is to prepare a Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Union for consideration of the participating Churches at the conventions in 1956.

After the September 15 meeting had organized, it took cognizance of a number of criticisms that had come in concerning the personnel of the Sub-Committee that did the spadework for the ELC's contribution to the *Report of the Joint Union Committee.* The criticisms were largely concerned with the fact that the five members are all church headquarters people (Dybvig, Haugan, Malmin, Nasby, Overson). Others suggested that more pastors should be drawn into the work. Your president has been strongly inclined to this view with one difference—that more laymen should also be pulled into the working process.

In the discussion that ensued at the Union Committee meeting, it was agreed that our primary responsibility is to work with the other members of the Joint Union Committee to present the best report that can be pared within the time at our disposal and tha receive the general support of Joint Union Comm members. If this is to be done, a mass of work m accomplished within the next 13 months. It will to begin with each Church's committee doing work on its own. The report presented to our co tion in June required between 50 and 60 meetin the Polity Sub-Committee in addition to many me of the Union Committee itself. This time the task done is larger than the preparation of the Polity R Of the 50 to 60 meetings of the Polity Sub-Comm all members were present at each meeting except on

Thoughtful and prayerful consideration of these fac the Union Committee to:

(A) Elect a Sub-Committee on Organizatio personnel of which is the same as the former Sub-Committee (Gullixson, Nasby, Haugan, D Malmin, Overson).

(B) Make provision for a schedule of Union mittee meetings which will require approximatel days per month where the Sub-Committee may s periodic reports of its work.

This action of the Union Committee did not i criticisms, but was a deliberate choice in the confi that most critics would make the same decision i were faced with all the facts and the responsibil discharge the stewardship imposed by the conve However, the Union Committee was agreed tha decision made required that we find other wa drawing more people into the process of seeking thoughts in the work that lies before us. How may be done was not settled at the meeting Sept 15.

Since the Union Committee adjourned, the presid feeling that he senses the mind of the Committee taken the following steps:

(A) Encouraged the Organization Sub-Commit continue the practice established last year of coun with selected resource people—lay and ordained

(B) Invited the Seminary Convocation Program mittee to set aside one or two sessions at the Ja convocation week for the Union Committee to p a Progress Report with opportunity for discussion suggestions.

(C) Agreed with a committee of five district dents that it be recommended to the program comm for the 1955 district conventions that one or tw

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nd Progress Report with opportunity for dis-
and suggestions.
lly, there is a larger participation open to all by remembering your Union Committee in prayer that its mind may be concerned primarily in seeking and acknowledging the wisdom God gives to those who ask.

awn to the Orient

L. O. Anderson

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/S Ogeka of the Knutsen Line had barely dropped at Yokohoma, August 25, when Pastor Morris A. on, Pastor and Mrs. Harold Eimon, and Miss e Boyum, ELC missionaries, were on hand to re- us. Of course, we had written them from Hong that we were coming. Difficult as it was for us to away from our dear ones in Hong Kong, it was ing three days later to be so warmly received by youthful friends. Pastor and Mrs. Norman Neu- who joined us later, and the Eimons had arrived kyo from the States less than a week prior to this. ady it was late afternoon. Nevertheless, they d to show us Tokyo. As we drove through the ghfare of this great Japanese metropolis (popu- seven million)—doing a little shopping in the department stores—we could easily visualize our- as being in one of the large American cities with large department stores, their wide streets and ards. Before we had time to mention this, Soren- lled, "This is our Madison and State Street!" and on, "Our Oak Park!" In this latter section were palatial residences, and modern apartment blocks. hosts now brought us to a "ritzy" restaurant. Here Ruth Herbst (rooming with Miss Boyum) joined e had barely stepped out of the elevator when we told to remove our shoes. No thank you, I mut- I have been brought up better than to remove my while in a public place. Sorenson must have heard he rejoined, "Yes, and the Japanese don't look Americans as being too clean." In spite of the per- r conditioning, I felt a sudden heat-wave seize me remark. As a good American I was not going to for this! Before I could protest, however, I looked d and observed that all the rest were in their stock- et—including my wife. One direct look from her volumes just then. I, too, joined the stocking .

entered a private dining room. Never before have the table so near floor level—only about eight , with a very thin cushion to sit on! I thought to , "Humiliation upon humiliation!" While I hesi- some of our company sat down. I could not under- what became of their legs and feet—not until I wn on the cushion. Then I discovered that all I do was to swing my legs under that low table and let them drop into a cellar-like opening underneath.

I was hungry after the automobile ride, and I discovered there was no sign of food. All I observed on the table were three gas-burners with no cook in sight. Before long, however, two Japanese girls entered, each with a frying pan, a supply of thinly sliced meat, vegetables, and sauces. They stirred the sizzling food incessantly. With a few minutes it was served to us with a small bowl containing a raw egg. With a bowl of rice and Japanese tea, it was most delicious. We used chopsticks.

We were invited to stay overnight in Sorenson's home. Imagine my consternation when on arriving at his doorstep, he barked, "Off with your shoes!" I thought to myself, "This is going too far! May we not even enter the house of one who is 'batching it' without throwing our shoes!" I was about to speak a juicy word for the benefit of our host when my wife's daggered look stopped me short.

Next morning we were again guests of Miss Boyum and Miss Herbst. I knew we would have a nice visit here. We did, except for the old refrain, "Off with your shoes, please!" Fortunately, by this time I was becoming a little more humble and reconciled to the strange custom —at least when I noticed all the trouble the ladies had gone to for our sake. During the morning devotions, I recalled that even Moses, to whom "God spake face to face," had to remove his shoes before God would speak to him. Who was I to find fault with this Japanese custom! So, as we entered the home of Pastor and Mrs. John Bowman as their dinner guests, I was among the first to remove my shoes.

We were very pleased to be shown the beautiful Lutheran Church in Tokyo, located on a rather prominent street. We were introduced to the pastor, a Japanese clergyman (Rev. K. Kawashima), who spoke English quite well. He emphasized the fact that the church was also a student center, and he brought us to the student building adjoining the church, where we spent a little time in the lounge. Both the church and the student center were very attractive—thanks to the WMF of our ELC who sponsored the project! In Tokyo and environs are many preaching places and Sunday Schools.

Together with our hosts, we also visited the Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary, which dates back to 1925 when classes were started in the first unit of the

present Seminary buildings in Tokyo. (Prior to this, classes in theological training were conducted in the Middle School at Kumamoto.) During World War II, with difficulties and trials involving both the nation and the Christian Church, the Seminary had to be closed. At the close of the war, and after necessary repairs, the Seminary was re-dedicated on April 16, 1950. Seventeen candidates presented themselves for Seminary training. The number has increased since. While there we were informed that Pastor Olaf Hansen, former superintendent of our ELC missions in Japan, has been called to a professorship in this seminary and has accepted. He had already left for the States, where he was expected to spend a year or more preparing himself for the important position.

Late the second evening, our friends brought us to the ship. We heartily thank them for the enriching experience they gave us on our visit in Japan.

A word also about their homes. We were impressed with the wise choice of residences purchased by our mission and then reconditioned for use in promoting the work. They were both functional and cozy.

Some of you may want to know about the mental and spiritual attitude of the people in general. Having spent less than two full days in Japan, I, personally, am not qualified to say. The only answer I can give is quoting some who are qualified to say.

"The year 1952 will be remembered in Japan as the year of independence after the first major military defeat in her history. It will also be remembered as the year when the Japanese, Christians, and non-Christians alike, settled down to facing the realities of the post-war situation. The defeat in 1945 had brought this dissolution of older organizations, centers of power, and the weakening of traditional beliefs and patterns of life. In this fluid situation new hopes, ideals, and forces were released. Prospects for 'democracy' seemed almost unlimited: for the Christian churches, crowded with 'seekers,' it was a period of *unparalleled opportunity* and of rising hopes for a Christian Japan. These were years of almost naive optimism." (Editors, The Japan Christian Year Book, '53): "For the Church as well, a more sober and realistic view began to prevail; the time of opportunity was not gone, but the time for facing realities had surely come."

"Even today," said Hiroshi Minami, Christian leader, "the Japanese people prefer the term 'the end of the war' to 'the defeat in war.' This does not mean that the Japanese people harbor any feelings of bitterness. They are the victims of political trickery practiced on them by the Japanese Government, which sought at the time of the surrender to impress on them the idea that hostilities had been suspended by the Imperial rescript.

"Furthermore, the idea that Japan was defeate the atomic bomb alone, or by the military and ma strength of the United States, prevails among Japanese.

"Directly linked with the consciousness of defe just referred to, is a sort of fatalism inherent in Japanese race. They 'came to the conclusion tha defeat was a kind of predestined natural phenom beyond the control of the Japanese people themsel something resembling an act of God. This hit entertained fatalism has persisted among the Jap people, since modern rationalism failed to guide in their daily thoughts and activities.

"Until the close of the last war, the idea of 'spi mobilization' was predominant among the Jap people, and a victory of the spirit over the ma strength of the Allied powers was anticipated. Th feat in the war completely upset this principle, ope a way for a respect of physical conditions and the l In sports, too, 'spirit-ism' was in vogue until the of the war.

"The concept of democracy had not demonstrat strength sufficient to fill the psychological void an the people. The decisive factor is that democracy not won by the Japanese themselves through their efforts, but was given them from the outside, sequel to the defeat. It seems inevitable, therefore, the people should become psychologically unstable w they lost their old spiritual support and gained not new to replace it."

Our missionaries, sobered under the aforesaid co tions, are convinced that Christ is the answer to t tricked and beaten people. Many think that unless can reach their ear and heart within the next few y the opportune time will fade away. Tangents are alr clearly visible, such as: (1) What the common pe admire most is not the courage and sagacity of thos public authority but "the courage and determina displayed by successful gangsters, blackmarketeers, the like!" (2) Rather than taken to task by the pe for shamelessness as formerly, politicians and bur crats involved in public scandals seem to escape pun ment, almost without exception, by persistent reso bravado—as reflected in movies, novels, and songs w gangster and crime themes, "representing these a social persons as heroes." (3) "Flesh-ism" or the li alization of sex morality.

Can we reach the Japanese people with the Go of Jesus Christ in time to stay the floodtide? Our Chu answers in the affirmative and is backing up the ans by sending an unprecedented number of young and missionaries, men and women, into the field within space of a very few years.

Meditations for the Family Altar

J. R. Hestenes

TOWARD THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

e: Romans 11:18-24

The Gospel: Matthew 16:1-4

Monday, November 1
PROVING GROUND
Read Ephesians 6:1-9

dren, obey your parents in the for this is right. . . . Fathers, do ovoke your children to anger, but them up in the discipline and in- on of the Lord.

e is a word to everybody in the Little children, growing sons and ers, hired hands, parents, all have to play in the day-by-day exist- the home. Paul says that in this es a real chance to apply Chris- Here is a chance to make home derful place. When Christianity is , a house becomes a home and who dwell therein experience true nd joy.

istianity that doesn't do its work home is not apt to do much out- the home. Children who grow up o away from home usually take hem all the good—or the bad— ave learned in growing up. If they proven their Christianity on the l floor of social existence they will ll in the larger contacts of life.

God, bless our homes. Amen.

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Tuesday, November 2
BEGINNERS
Read Mark 10:13-16

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Little children are beginners in the career of life. They are not born with any information; they have a few instincts, and that is all. During the first four years of their existence they will learn more than they will in any other four-year period. And what they learn during this time will stay with them for life, even if they live to be a hundred years old. What goes on at the beginning will play a real part all the way through.

Jesus knew this well. That is why He wanted to meet the children. He knew they would be glad to meet Him and believe in Him. And coming into their lives at the beginning, He knew that He had good prospects of staying with them all along the way. Truly, not only well begun, but Christ begun, is more than half done; it is well done. For a life begun with Christ has promise of beautiful fulfilment.

Make us all as little children, O God. Amen.

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Wednesday, November 3
THANKSGIVING
Read II Samuel 7:17-29

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me thus far?"

David asked a question that many of us have asked when we have thought of the great goodness of God. He was overwhelmed by the favor God was showing him and the people of his kingdom. In his own heart he felt that he was not deserving—"Who am I?" he asks. And why should his people be showered with God's love?

Thanksgiving that is genuine always has this question right in the middle of it. I sin much every day and if I confess it to God He forgives me. I have food and clothing and a roof over my head. I have His Word and may read it for myself each day. I may speak to Him in prayer. I have His promises of love and security; I have His companionship and power. He has gone to prepare a place for me in heaven above. Sometimes, when I think of these things, and that they are mine, I ask, "Who am I?"

Thank you, for your great love, O God. Amen.

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Thursday, November 4
GRACIOUS WORK
Read II Corinthians 8:1-12

v as you excel in everything—in in utterance, in knowledge, in all ness, and in your love for us— at you excel in this gracious work

l was talking about a collection vas being received. He called it a is work. He said that this belonged expression of Christian life just ch as faith, utterance, knowledge, ness, and love. It is just as natural believer to give to the Lord's work s for a person to say thank you to no has given him a gift.

netimes we are not as gracious about as we ought to be. We count s when we should be giving . There is need for consecrated dship among God's people in or- keep the Kingdom work moving d. Collection of money in local es means workmen for far away Money placed on the altar in the where you worship means the ng of new altars in other towns. to the Lord *is* gracious work.

Friday, November 5
COVETOUSNESS
Read Luke 12:15-21

"Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Over and over Jesus repeated warnings against becoming all wrapped up in things we can touch. This story of the rich man who swaggered over his good fortune helps us to understand how foolish it is to sell out to things. The voice out of heaven crying, "Fool!" was full of drama and it drove home the point that if we are not rich toward God, overflowing bins are of no utter value.

It has been noted that all of the best things in life are free of charge. And certainly the *very best* is free, for the free gift of God is salvation in Christ Jesus. The work we do in His Name and to His glory is work that lasts. Faith and Christian works are the best investment of life and become treasure. They make us rich toward God.

God is not opposed to our having the common comforts of life. These are worthy if we are thankful for them and love God.

Saturday, November 6
WAITING
Read Isaiah 30:15-19

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

When we think of a person waiting, we imagine them sitting down, quietly perhaps, until that which they are expecting takes place. God does His best work for those who do just that. He has a hard time to do anything for those who will not stand still. If they "speed upon horses," if they tear across life raising a plume of dust, there is little opportunity for God to minister to their deepest needs.

Jesus was able to talk with people who sat still. Nicodemus sat with Him on the roof of a house. The woman of Sychar sat down with Him at the well. Mary sat at His feet. All these were given wisdom and light that people simply cannot get on the run. An executive built a noise-proof room in his store so he could go into it once a day to pray. In waiting and in quietness he was given strength.

I Know a Kingdom

Harold B. Kildahl

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
October 31, 1954
Text: Matthew 13:44-50

Charles Dickens once told a story about a man who was digging in his backyard when suddenly he broke through the crust of the earth and fell into the "inside world." There, to his amazement, he learned that all men were born with perfect physical equipment. He also learned that at a certain age each person lost all unused portions of his physical being and retained only that or those parts which had been used. The amazed man saw a hack driver who had only a pair of hands and a distended stomach. He saw a lawyer with only a pair of massive jaws. He saw a society matron who was only a bundle of nerves and two glowing eyes, but over in a little schoolhouse he saw a teacher whose only remaining part was a heart.

This bit of fantasy can well be applied to the text for today. Were the same practice of losing unused parts to be applied to the Kingdom of God and those who are by grace citizens in that Kingdom, I daresay that many of us would lose unused parts. That might have been one of the thoughts that inspired the hymn-writer to sing: "Take my hands and let them move with the impulse of Thy love; take my lips and let them sing, ever only for my King; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee," and so on until every facet of life and every aspect of living had been included.

There are those who think of the Kingdom of God as the entrance to a life of peace and poise, patience and power. It is, no doubt. There are those who think of the Kingdom of God as a crystal clear revelation of love, mercy, and forgiveness. It is, no doubt. But, if the Kingdom of God is not first and foremost the reality of salvation through Jesus Christ, it is very little.

It is the treasure hid in the field for which man will sacrifice anything. It is the pearl of greatest price for which man searches, forgetting all else. It is the hope of all men and the possession of the saved. It is life—life lived to the hilt and in the attitude of worship; life devoted to truth and righteousness. It is a song sung in sincerity that reads:

I know a Kingdom without end,
Adorns in greater glory,
Than earthly gold and silver lend,
Revealed in sweetest story.

There lives my Lord and Savior kind
Who is God's Son victorious,
He loves me wholly, heart and mind,
My spirit's bridegroom glorious.

Ministry of Music

Oscar R. O

Our last issue closed on a minor chord. We said tha public schools must provide basic training in musi the elementary grades, if we shall accomplish our in church music, and in the Sunday school sin period, which is so brief and which has so many and low overtones and undertones to activate.

It would seem that the public school should give child the know-how and the experience of sin beautiful songs expressively. Evidently this phase of education is at low ebb throughout the land. first task, then, as ministers of music, is to help mote the local public school music set-up. Are qualified instructors, aside from the regular classr teachers, who are commissioned and given opportu to make that grade building resound with song? Th where the irons are hot. Inner grace and receptivity not acquired by accident; they are the fruits of pers acquaintance and experience with things beautiful.

Who is this teacher? She is, preferably, a soprano with a lyric personality. She is endo musically so she can give rhythm and contour t inspired melody—give it life. Her diction and must be clear and free. She is imbued with the ze the missionary. When she lines-out a phrase it model for emulation. Lumped together, she is tha describable total which inspires children to eat ou her hand and heart. In Sunday school we sh moreover, want her to be a radiant messenger of C but why should not this qualification also be soug public school? Surely, beautiful music is not understood without divine concepts. Its nature is sp ual.

A new year is on in Sunday school. Is the very teacher available assigned to this important w Are adequate time and space allowed for efficient struction? Foundations of a future *singing* Church to be laid. This means that the songs taught mus the standard hymns and chorales of the church. T make ideal teaching material. The youngest pupils h capacities for high flight in song, abilities that h been neglected too long in Sunday school training. as teachers often stand in their way. The song instru must memorize the hymn to be taught and be efficien the rote method of instruction. Songbooks and p are unnecessary in the class procedure. Remove wr have other teachers help with the discipline; keep rhythm moving throughout the drill, phrase by ph teacher, class, teacher, class.

:hools and Colleges

Edited by Division of Higher Education

ool and College Enrollments, 1954

Orville Dahl

the third consecutive year the ls and colleges of the ELC report ıcrease in fall enrollments. (See below.) Reports indicate that the ıer of students registered is the d highest, exceeded only by the var year of 1947 with its flood of ıns.

e seminaries in St. Paul, Minne- and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, da, have a total of 425 students, 411 being enrolled in Luther logical Seminary, St. Paul, and :nrolled in Luther Theological nary in Saskatoon.

.e highest percentage of increase ›ccurred in the enrollments at the ;enior colleges and one junior col- This fall a total of 5,927 students egistered, an increase of 695 stu-, or 13.3 per cent over the fall of . This increase has not been spotty, is it to be found in certain insti- ns. The most significant trend in increase has been its uniformity s all of higher education in our :ch. The chart of enrollments in- es that there has been a remarkable consistency in the gain in each of our colleges.

It may be noted that in the fall of 1952 there occurred a gain of 5.6 per cent over the preceding year, halting the decline which had been in progress for the two years before. In the fall enrollments of 1953 the increase continued with about a 4.5 per cent enlargement of the student bodies. This total gain for the last three-year enrollment period represents an increase of about 20 per cent!

Turning our attention to the secondary or high schools, it is also gratifying to see that an increase took place at Camrose College, Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Dakota Lutheran High School, and Waldorf College. While these gains are not substantial, two of the high schools, namely those in Canada, are already at maximum enrollments. Without additional facilities and buildings they cannot enroll more students.

A decline of 37 students was experienced this fall at Augustana Academy in Canton, South Dakota. This situation will cause the Academy to have a deficit. It is possible, however, that friends and alumni will rally to this school to overcome this temporary difficulty, due, probably, to the change in administrative officers and the granting of time until the new persons become thoroughly acquainted with their work.

Of great interest to all who follow the enrollments in our schools and colleges with sympathetic concern is the answer to the question, "From what sources do the students come?" While it is yet too early to give factual data, preliminary analyses indicate that the youth of our church has supplied the students in the largest percentage. This is the most gratifying fact in the analysis of our current student enrollments. Our schools and colleges are maintained to serve first our own young people, and the fact that these educational services do just that is reason for satisfaction on the part of all of us.

Finally, it might be noted with interest that the increases which have occurred

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	Men 1954	Women 1954	Total 1954	Total 1953	Gain Loss
MINARIES					
uther Seminary, St. Paul	411	.....	411	395	+16
uther Seminary, Saskatoon	25	.....	25	30	-5
TAL SEMINARIES	436	.....	436	425	+11
LLEGES					
ugustana, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	418	399	817	649	+168
oncordia, Moorhead, Minn.	623	632	1255	1107	+148
uther, Decorah, Iowa	543	458	1001	918	+83
acific Lutheran, Parkland, Wash.	520	490	1010	879	+131
t. Olaf, Northfield, Minn.	826	786	1612	1483	+129
Valdorf (Junior), Forest City, Iowa	95	137	232	196	+36
TAL COLLEGES	3,025	2,902	5,927	5,232	+695
GH SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES					
ugustana Academy, Canton, S. Dak.	77	105	182	219	—37
amrose Lutheran College, Camrose, Alta.	69	81	150	141	+9
akota Lutheran High School, Minot, N. Dak.	36	43	79	78	+1
utheran Collegiate Bible Institute, Outlook, Sask.	53	78	131	128	+3
Valdorf (high school), Forest City, Iowa	6	6	12	11	+1
TAL HIGH SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES	241	313	554	577	—23
OTAL ALL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	3,702	3,215	6,917	6,234	+683

Here and There on the Christian Front

Edited by Raymond M.

PROTESTANTS IN SPAIN

RNS Photo

Protestant churches in Spain have rarely been photographed. This photo shows American sailors arriving with Spanish parishioners for a service in the Presbyterian church in Barcelona.

LUTHERAN MISSIONARIES BARRED FROM INDIA

Lutheran Churches in both America and Europe are facing increasing difficulty in obtaining entry permits for new missionaries to India. This was the report of Dr. Theo. P. Fricke, executive secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the American Lutheran Church. He told the ALC's biennial convention that the Indian government has rejected visa applications for two young women assigned to India by his board.

In both instances, he said, the government of India notified the board that it was unable to approve granting of the visas requested because the "necessity" for the visits to India had not been established, which seems to be the routine explanation offered. He noted that, while this was the first time that ALC missionaries have been denied entrance to India, three visa applications from the ULCA and from the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod had been turned down, and that a number of Lutheran mission societies abroad had also had applications rejected.

Dr. Fricke pointed out that government leaders are saying publicly that missionaries will be welcome if they limit themselves to a program of social uplift but that they must not attempt to convert anyone to their religion. At the same time missionaries report "less opposition to the Christian message on the part of the average non-Christian and a new interest among the caste people and Mohammedans."

NO VACCINATION EXEMPTION

The Richmond, Virginia, School Board had denied a request for the exemption of Christian Scientist children from compulsory smallpox vaccinations. Superintendent H. I. Willett told the Board that, while Virginia law provided for exemptions, he did not believe the intent was to offer exemptions to whole groups of people. The board chairman agreed with him, "The exceptions contemplated by the law are for individuals and not for groups," adding that if the intent was to make exceptions for religious groups the statute would say so specifically.

The request had been made in August by a representative of the Christian Science Church, with the statement that "the use of material medicine is contrary to the teachings of our Church."

CATHOLIC APPROVES CANADA'S IMMIGRATION POLICY

Canadian labor unions have recently been charging that immigration has caused a sharp decrease in employment figures. Archbishop Giovanni Panico, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, told a meeting of the National English-speaking Catholic Social Life Conference in Toronto that Canada's unemployment was not caused by the nearly 1,000,000 immigrants of the past two years.

Taking note of the criticism by the unions he said, "Unemployment is caused by a great many things. It should be remembered that immigrants, by requiring additional food, clothing, housing, and other goods, and by bringing to this new land their labor, skill, and energy, make this country their beneficiary as well as their benefactor. It is possible, of cou imply that these newcomers ar stable, immature, and incompeten ple who abandoned a perfectly factory place to seek Utopia in I America. But the truth is that were goaded to move by disaste persecution. If Americans could the eyes of immigrants they woul the plea for sanctuary among the low humans."

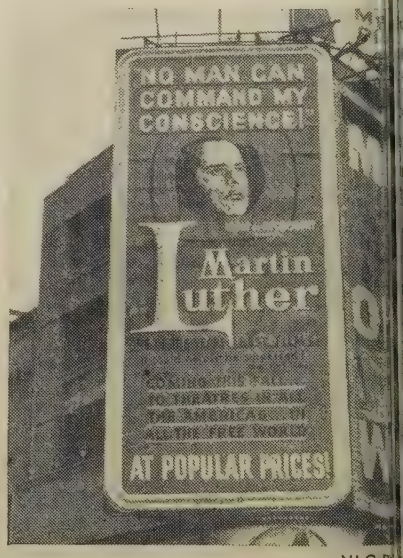
MODERN CHURCH DESIGN WILL REMAIN

A recent Conference on Christian cation and Church Building hear Rev. C. Harry Atkinson of New say that churches in the contemp design are here to stay. He gav following reasons for the trend:

(1) Young architectural student taught contemporary design today no longer are trained in classica sign.

(2) A wealth of new building m ials and constructions are availabl day.

"LUTHER" BILLBOARD



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For the first time in motion picture histo a church-produced film has taken its p amid the "spectaculars" of Times Squ Louis de Rochemont Associates, produ and distributors of "Martin Luther," h taken this huge billboard at 45th Street Broadway in New York City for a 41 17 foot sign announcing the world-wide lease of the picture and its showing in U.S. at popular prices.

CELESTIAL GRILL

RNS Photo

mers dine in the recently opened "Celestial Grill" in down-Springfield, Illinois, which features "A Christian atmosphere" five-cent cup of coffee. The grill was opened by a non-profit ization headed by three Protestant ministers. Standing behind ounter is the Rev. R. C. Peters of the Foursquare Gospel nacle, president of the group. Overhead is a large picture rist. The juke box on the right plays only religious recordings. ugh Biblical quotations are displayed along the walls and are on tables, no direct attempt is made to evangelize the . The intention is to provide a Christian atmosphere which have its influence on patrons.

C.O.'S IN RADIATION TESTS

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Six of ten conscientious objectors who have volunteered as "guinea pigs" in tests to determine the effects of food exposed to atomic radiation are shown in Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, with doctors and nurses. Left to right, front row: John W. Kroeker, 22, of Inman, Kan.; Lyle D. Roth, 19, of Chickley, Neb.; Wilfred Meyers, 18, Sterling, O.; and Arlie M. Thiessen, 21, of Conway, Kan. Back row: Kenneth E. Goertzen, 19, Hampton, Neb.; and Harry W. Pankrantz, 20, of Inola, Okla. The tests, expected to last more than a year, will be conducted by doctors and scientists at the Hospital and at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

) Today's churches are planned arily as functional meeting places, as monuments "into which the ions are forced."

) The nation's architects yearn to uce ecclesiastical architecture which ts American democracy and re- us enthusiasm.

) The cost of skilled craftsmen ssary for classical building is pro- ive, especially that of "real Gothic ."

ose attending the Conference in- d 85 church architects and de- national education and church ex- on officials, called to study the na- s half-billion-a-year church-build- oom.

K PROGRAM ALSO PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

ochial and other non-public schools receive about $5,000,000 in direct al grants during the current aca- ic year under a new government ram designed to increase milk con- tion among school-age children. etary of Agriculture Benson has an- ced that parochial school pupils be eligible for milk on the same as public school students. "In states where the state educational agency cannot legally disburse funds to private schools an equitable share will be withheld and programs in such schools will be administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture," he said.

Similar arrangements have been in effect in past years to permit parochial schools to take part in the federal school lunch program, which subsidizes the nation's schools in providing lunches for pupils.

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

The two theological seminaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have a combined registration of 1,218 for the coming year. . . . Almost 3,000,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible have been sold since its publication two years ago. These sales figures have broken all U.S. publishing records. . . . The U.S. will abandon its position as a Christian nation if it cuts off diplomatic relations with Communist nations and stops trying to persuade them to ways of peace, said Dr. John A. Mackay as he accepted the annual award for Christian leadership presented by *The Upper Room,* Methodist Devotional guide. . . . A total of 7,084 gospel messages were sent out in floating bottles during the past year by members of the Christian Endeavor Union of Northern Island. Many replies have been received, it is reported. No doubt that this is an example of the "indirect" approach to Christian evangelism.

Schools and Colleges

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and are occurring in our ELC schools are substantially ahead of the general increases reported for church colleges in general throughout the United States. While current enrollment figures on a national scale will not be available until November, the trends of the past two years, together with this fall's enrollment, indicate that the progress made in our own church schools may be three or even four times larger than the national average gain for private independent and church colleges and secondary schools.

We now hope and pray that the 6,917 boys and girls, men and women in our seminaries, colleges, and high schools will find in their educational experience the intellectual, moral, physical, and spiritual food which will feed their minds, bodies, and souls. This is great news!

World Council of Churches

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ened through the Evanston Assembly. I may add that increased listening to the Word of God is the only possible road toward Christian unity.

Whether we have the right to look for a decisive crisis in world dimensions coming as a result of such a meeting, may be more than doubtful. Awakenings and other crucial happenings in the spiritual realm are not brought about by ecclesiastic arrangement, but through men and conditions called forth by God Himself. The work of the World Council of Churches belongs among the long-range tasks of the Church, and it should be pursued with patience and with sobriety of thought. I believe that it is God Himself who is calling us into this task, for which reason it becomes at the same time our duty and our responsibility. We have the right to engage in it with *hope,* even though new disappointments and difficulties may develop along the way."

Correspondence

A BOOK BY A LAYMAN IN THE ELC

►The layman is Mr. Eilert Knudtson, 1002 Second Street N. E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The title of his book is *Christ-Life, Church-Life, and Home-Life.* It is a small book that can be had from the author for fifty cents.

Mr. Knudtson loves his Church. He is vitally concerned that the Church may grow in the likeness of Christ so that it may truly become His Church. He speaks serious words to Christians, warning us against such dangers as worldliness, Pharisaism, legalism, lack of whole-hearted consecration to the Lord, and lack of love and concern for the spiritual welfare of our neighbor. He stresses the need of repentance within the Church both by pastors and lay people.

Mr. Knudtson has been active in church work for many years both as a lay preacher and in congregational offices. He is not altogether happy in what he has seen and he voices criticism that would be well for us to become familiar with, even though we do not agree with all of it. It has caused him agony to observe that children of people who have no use for the Church and for God's Word are being baptized. In such cases the second part of the command of Christ, when He instituted Baptism, that the children should also be instructed to do what Christ commanded, will not be carried out. He does not think it is right for the Church to baptize the children in such cases. To the old question, who shall be admitted to the Church? his answer is that only confessing Christians should be accepted. Absolution by laying on of hands he thoroughly disagrees with and he has no love for clerical vestments.

Mr. Knudtson deals with a great many subjects of importance in the life of a Christian and of the Churc book is charmingly personal and is an interesting ev of what some of our lay people are thinking.

Jacob Tanner
Forest City, Iowa

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. ANDREW HAUGEN

►Thank you very much for a second gift towards the of our Japan Mission. Since the first one came, I hav trying to find a way to send our thanks to you. A appears on an international money order is the s name, and so I regret that I do not have your address. that these lines in the Lutheran Herald will come t attention.

It means much for us to know that you know i heart the task of getting the Gospel of Our Savior people of Japan. By your kind gifts your are s directly in this ministry. May God grant you His jo

O. K. Stenberg
Tokyo, Japan

WE COULD ALL DO THE SAME

►A Lutheran Ministerial Association in the state of C adopted some resolutions some time ago which I might be well for others to consider carefully, sinc show good Christian common sense and wholesome L an practice as far as the conducting of funeral serv concerned. Many of our pastors no doubt run into dif in these respects repeatedly, since we no longer se be dealing with "undertakers," but "overtakers." does a service which should serve as a dignified, comfo churchly, and edifying worship turn out to be jus opposite. I feel that this Oregonian Lutheran Minist which met and agreed on the sensible Lutheran pr voiced in the resolutions must be complimented, and its valiant and good common sense should be emulat the rest of us.

"Resolutions adopted by the Lutheran Minist February, 1954:

"On Funerals:

"The Christian funeral service is an occasion for co tion in the assurance of the resurrection by means o Word of God.

"In Lutheran Churches, the called minister plans conducts the worship service.

"No other group or individuals shall participate i funeral service until after the body has been committ the ground. At that time, BY SPECIAL REQUEST dividuals may place flowers on the bier, BUT NOTH SHALL BE SAID CONTRARY TO THE BA TENETS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, WHICH A

"That men are born and live by nature at enmity ag God and are redeemed solely through the merit and o of our Savior Jesus Christ. The belief that men can be s by their own merit or works without the grace which alone supplies in Jesus Christ is the blindness of unspir man.

"That Christians are buried in the sure and certain of the resurrection. Hence, while there is sorrow in bere ment, the Christian funeral service is ESSENTIALL SERVICE OF JOY. Therefore, the Christian abhors use of music or words or poems which do not express basic Christian message.

"Form and procedure at Lutheran funerals, among o things, include:

ıe pastor should be contacted immediately upon the of a member of the congregation.
ıe decision whether the funeral is to take place at the h or the funeral parlor should be discussed with the .
the instance of a church funeral, free access to the shall not be blocked by flowers or casket.
ote: Naturally a Christian will not give undue glory dead with extravagant expenditures for casket, flowers, eremony, but will, wherever possible, see that perma- memorials are established in church, educational, or charitable institutions."

These resolutions are signed by three Lutheran ministers, from the ULCA, ELC, and Mo. Synod.

I feel quite sure that such is the practice in many of our churches, since it seems to be a bone of contention in too many places. Let us hope that our Union Committee will work out a feasible Lutheran regulation and "must-practice" for all of us to go by universally. If we adopt such a fair, good, and sound regulatory service as the one above we shall eliminate a lot of non-Lutheranism and save many a heartache.

JOHANNES HOIFJELD
Orland, California

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Rev. Arthur M. Vorhes, former- the Kickapoo parish, Soldiers , Wis., is now pastor of the ard-Trondhjem parish, Hay- Minn.

ph Haanstad, who until lately en engaged in educational work, e new superintendent of the ne Children's Home at Witten- Wis. His installation will take in November. He succeeds **Oscar nes,** who has resigned to be- director of welfare work in it County, Minnesota.

Eivind Berggrav, bishop emeri- Oslo, lectured on the Church of ay to the students of Luther The- al Seminary, St. Paul, Tuesday, nber 28. In the afternoon of the day he was the guest of the , together with **Dr. Lennart aa** of Helsinki, Finland, who st lecturer at the seminary dur- ıe first semester of the current year.

Fredrik A. Schiotz, president e Evangelical Lutheran Church, is wife were the honored guests largely attended dinner at the Hotel, Minneapolis, Thursday g, Sept. 30. Dr. J. C. K. Preus, director of Christian Education, toastmaster. Speaking for the and the Church Council was . A. Pierson, chairman of the e of District Presidents, and for ity and the Board of Trustees, ey Elmer Abrahamson of Chi- Board of Trustees chairman. g those present was Dr. Schiotz's -old mother, Mrs. Jacob Schiotz ysmith, Wis.

Rev. Olaf Hansen, the first ELC ıary to Japan, is spending his gh in graduate study at Prince- ıeological Seminary, in prepara- r a professorship at a joint Lu- theological training school in Tokyo. He is aided in his studies by a scholarship grant of $1,100 given him by First Lutheran Church of Lambert, Montana.

Mrs. Emma Holte Hougen, Fargo, N. Dak., widow of the Rev. J. O. Hougen, who died in 1927, passed away Aug. 30 at 78 years of age.

The Rev. Jersing Thompson is serving as interim pastor of the Hettinger parish in North Dakota.

The Rev. K. Bergsagel, former president of Camrose Lutheran College, Camrose, Alta., is now superintendent of a sunset home in Saskatoon, Sask.

The Rev. Conrad Halvorson, Madagascar missionary on furlough, is teaching at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

The Rev. Samuel Carlsen, former president of Augustana Academy, is serving as stewardship counselor at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

The Rev. R. A. Onkka, pastor of Our Saviours-Stanford parish, Rice Lake, Wis., will by Jan. 1 move to his new parish, Trinity-Waverley, Truman, Minn.

Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, our president emeritus, preached the sermon at the convention service Sunday, Oct. 3, at the general convention of the American Lutheran Church held at Beatrice, Neb.; and Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, our new president, brought fraternal greetings from our Church to the convention the following day.

The Rev. O. G. Aasen, Elbow Lake, Minn., presents a half-hour's devotional broadcast in Norwegian every Monday at 11:30 a.m., via station KGDE, Fergus Falls, Minn., thus beginning his 28th consecutive year in the radio ministry.

The Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Thorson were given an appreciation dinner Sept. 19 by his parish, Holden-Dale, near Kenyon, Minn. They were presented a cash gift.

DISTRICTS

Eastern

Navarino, Wis. Jerusalem Church of the Navarino parish, served by the Rev. W. A. Smith, dedicated a new

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL IN SOUTH DAKOTA CAPITAL SUBURB

As an evangelism outreach, the Lutheran Memorial Church of Pierre, S. Dak., has opened a branch Sunday school in Fort Pierre, a suburb of the capital city. This community had before only one Protestant Sunday school. Most of the children in the new Sunday school live in trailer camps, their parents being employed at the Oahe Dam project.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE IN SEATTLE CHURCH

Pictured herewith are the participants in an institute held Sept. 25 by the Phinney Ridge Church in Seattle, Wash., for members actively engaged in Sunday school work. The opening number was an address on the objectives of the Sunday school by the Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr. Panel discussions on the various forms of teaching technique. At the supper meeting the pastor of the parish, the Rev. Olaf A. Anderson, spoke on the importance of Christian education being given both by the homes and by the church. At the close of a communion service the Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr was installed as assistant pastor of the parish.

two-manual electric organ Sunday forenoon, Oct. 3. In the afternoon an organ concert was held.

Southern Minnesota

Northfield, Minn. At the annual fall Bible Conference of St. John's Church, held this year on Oct. 24-28, the speaker will be Dr. O. Gornitzka of the Lutheran Bible Institute.

Glencoe, Minn. A new ELC church is being organized in this city. It will have parish connections with Bergen Church near Plato. The Rev. Nolan Watson is serving the parish.

Owatonna, Minn. Trinity Church, parish of the Rev. Olin C. Fjelstad, has voted to erect a new church and parish house. The edifice, to be constructed of Lannon stone at a cost of $335,000, will seat 600 in the nave, and will contain 26 rooms for classes and offices, besides a fellowship hall and a kitchen. It will be built on a nine-lot area, 330x223 ft.

Peterson, Minn. Fillmore Circuit WMF met in fall convention Sept. 29 at the Highland Prairie Church, parish of the Rev. I. R. Gronlid. Speakers were Dr. J. W. Ylvisaker, president of Luther College, and the Rev. Gordon Ruud, missionary to Madagascar.

North Dakota

Souris, N. Dak. Guest speakers at a parish mission night service in the Souris parish were the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, who in November will sail for Tangangyika to do missionary service there. At the reception following the services the Johnsons were given a cash gift. Present at the service were Mrs. Johnson's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. V. G. Gilbertson of Reynolds, Minn. Pastor of Souris parish is Ray Melheim.

Wyndmere, N. Dak. Rural
stead Church, formerly a part
Wyndmere parish, is now a s
parish, served temporarily by th
J. C. Wisnaes.

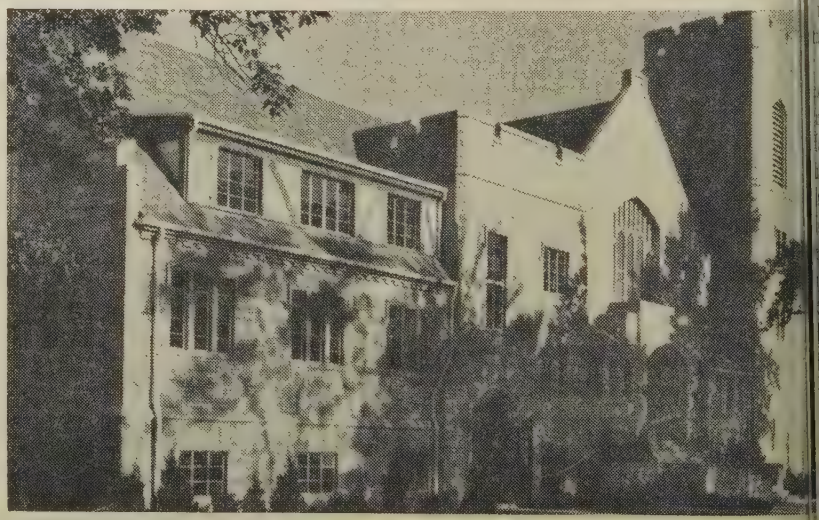
Douglas, N. Dak. Rural
Church, parish of the Rev. C. M
mark, observed the fiftieth anni
of its founding Sept. 19. Festival
er was Dr. N. Astrup Larsen
corah, Iowa, who founded the c
gation.

South Central

Marshalltown, Iowa. Miss S
Olson of Estherville, Iowa, a gr
of Waldorf College, was installed
19 as parish worker and secreta
Elim Church, parish of the Rev.
Lokensgard.

Arlington, Texas. Sunday after
Sept. 19, the new church buildi
the Prince of Peace Church, par
the Rev. Curtis Jorstad, was ded
by District President Jordahl.
building is the first of a planned
unit structure and is located on
the site being a block made up
city lots. Special features are a
laminated-beam cross east of the
ing and a cross worked into the
of the chancel wall.

CHICAGO CHURCH BUILDS



The accompanying picture shows the remodeled church and the new educational
office building of Edison Park Church, Chicago, Ill., the latter being the second o
three units contained in the building project of the church. The third unit, the additio
transepts to the church edifice, is expected to be constructed about three years
now. The completed part was dedicated Sept. 12, with Dr. E. S. Hjortland of Minnea
being the guest speaker. It represents an outlay of about $300,000. The parish house
contains among other facilities, an assembly hall, a youth room, at least thirteen indiv
class rooms, office accommodations for the parish staff, and kitchen facilities.
dedication season covers about three months, the chief events after the dedication b
services Oct. 3 by Dr. Paul C. Empie, executive director of the National Lutheran Cou
a circuit-wide Brotherhood dinner Oct. 29, addressed by Dr. S. C. Eastvold, presider
Pacific Lutheran College; and a dedication dinner Dec. 3, with Dr. Peter Eldersveld,
and television evangelist, as speaker. Pastors of Edison Park Church are A. Gordon N
and Arvid H. Thorson.

ssion Hill, S. Dak. Vangen and ille congregations of the Mission parish, served by the Rev. S. M. ge, celebrated their 90th anniver- Oct. 10. Among the speakers were ict President Pierson and Pastors . Abrahamson and Frisbie Young. Vangen Church, just east of Mis- Hill, was built in 1869 and has kept up for special memorial serv- In this old church, perhaps the t one in the two Dakotas, both ;en and Gayville congregations their roots.

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emerton, Wash. Emmanuel ch, parish of the Rev. Stanley sten, installed Louis F. Brunner s director of parish education on 12. Mr. Brunner, a graduate of ic Lutheran College, earlier served arish education director in Ann r, Mich.

verton, Ore. A two-story Sunday ol building attached to the church dedicated by Trinity Church, par- f the Rev. Joseph A. Luthro, Sun- evening, Sept. 12. Dedicator was H. L. Foss, president of the Pa- District. Guest preacher at the ning worship the same day was J. C. K. Preus, ELC secretary of stian Education, who also present- he Sunday school of the church a standard certificate. A painting he building's Fireside Room was nted by the Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr, er pastor of the parish, and his During the afternoon a parish ation rally of the Willamette Cir- was held in the church, Dr. Preus the speaker. He and District dent Foss also spoke at the Cir- Pastoral Conference meeting in hurch the next day.

rtland, Oregon. Central Church, h of the Rev. Arne Christianson, rated its thirtieth anniversary Oct. with its former pastor, Dr. Ray- d M. Olson, as guest preacher. ral is a merger congregation, as Saviour's and Bethlehem churches 24 united to form Central Church. art of the anniversary celebrations i-annual convention of the Pacific ict Luther League will be held in ral Nov. 4-7. The main speaker be ELC youth director, the Rev. ll L. Hinderlie.

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cramento, Calif. New parish work- Fruitridge Church, parish of the

SOUTH DAKOTA CHURCH OBSERVES 80TH ANNIVERSARY

One of the oldest Lutheran congregations in southeastern South Dakota, rural West Prairie Church, near Lennox, celebrated its 80th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 19. Among the speakers were: Dr. L. A. Pierson, president of the South Dakota District, and Pastors Paul Sather, J. David Larsen, and Richard N. Nelson, the latter two being former pastors of the congregation. The Rev. H. M. Solem, who served the church for more than forty years, was unable to be present, being now in his 93rd year. The present pastor of West Prairie Church is the Rev. Carl J. Sandbeck.

Rev. O. G. Hiepler, is Miss Clarice Ulberg, former parish worker at Velva, N. Dak. She received her training at the Minneapolis Lutheran Bible Institute.

NEW DEAN AT TEANECK LBI

On Oct. 3 the Rev. Edward A. Hansen (UELC) was installed as dean of the Lutheran Bible Institute's eastern extension at Teaneck, N. J., by the Rev. Bernt C. Opsal, president of the Institute's four schools. Work is being completed on a $15,000 classroom and cafeteria annex to the school building at Teaneck. A new dormitory on the school's three-acre campus is planned.

OBITUARY

Mrs. S. S. Urberg

Mrs. Anna Caroline Christensen Urberg, widow of the Rev. S. S. Urberg, who died in 1930, passed away at Belgrade, Minn., Sept. 29, in her 82nd year. Funeral services took place Oct. 2 at Blair, Wis. Born Feb. 7, 1873, at Gayville, S. Dak., she was a daughter of the Rev. Emil Christensen and his wife, nee Amalie Morbeck. In 1893 she married the Rev. S. S. Urberg, from then and until his death, pastor at Blair, Wis. As a pastor's wife she took an active part in the work of the parish and in Women's Missionary Federation work in Wisconsin. She is survived by three sons and two daughters, two of the sons (Konrad and Sigurd) being pastors. One daughter Fernanda, is the wife of Dr. O. G. Malmin, editor of **Lutheran Herald.**

Alfred H. Holmes

Alfred H. Holmes, for 42 years employed as a printer at Augsburg Publishing House, died Sept. 22, at the age of 72 years. Burial took place in Minneapolis, Sept. 25. After retiring a couple of years ago he lived at Maple Plain, Minn. Survivors are his wife, a daughter, and two grandchildren. Mr. Holmes was a devout Christian and a faithful workman.

Mrs. Albert J. Peterson

Mrs. Lyda Johnson (Albert J.) Peterson, an active member of Jefferson Prairie Church, Clinton, Wis., died Sept. 9, in her 72nd year. Funeral services were held at the church named Sept. 13, the Rev. O. M. Skindrud officiating. Speaking for the family

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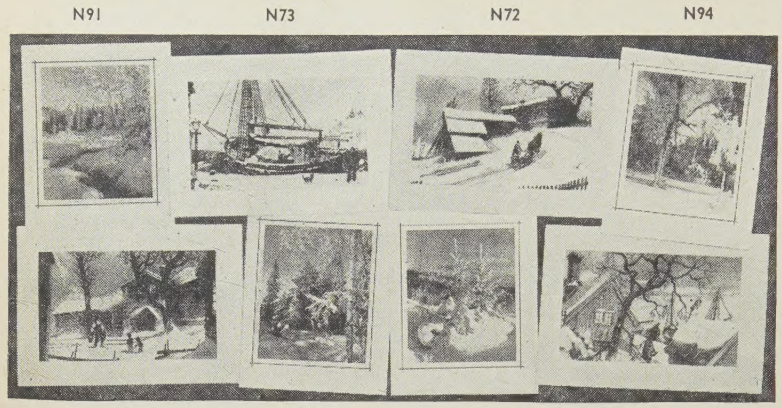

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10N Packet—A packet of 10 Norwegian Christmas cards of assorted designs. The cards illustrated above are included in the packet, and are also available singly at the prices indicated. **75c**

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was the Rev. J. B. Shefveland of Rochester, Minn., a brother-in-law of the deceased. Mrs. Peterson is survived by her husband, two sons, four daughters, and eight grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lake Region Circuit LDR will meet Nov. 7, 2:30 p.m., at Devils Lake, N. Dak.

The Rev. Sam Morris, San Antonio, Texas, for 20 years broadcaster of "The Voice of Temperance" program, will broadcast a 30-minute speech on "Liquor—a Curse to America" over the NBC coast to coast facilities Nov. 7, 6 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Aberdeen Circuit will meet Oct. 31 at Webster, S. Dak. Speakers: Pastors Norman H. Nelson and C. E. Johnson.

St. Luke's Church, Shelby, Mont., parish of the Rev. Olaf G. Borge, will celebrate its 25th anniversary and dedicate its new parish hall on Nov. 12-14. Speakers will be District President Daehlin, and Earl Soiland and Elling Ramsey, former pastors of the parish.

Minneapolis Circuit WMF will meet Oct. 25 in Bethlehem Church, Minneapolis. Workshop for the 1954-55 department secretaries will meet at 1:20 p.m. At 8 p.m. Congressman Walter H. Judd will speak.

Estherville Circuit LDR will meet Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24 at Estherville, Iowa. Mrs. Oscar Branstad will be the speaker.

The Rock Valley Circuit WME hold its Fall Workers' Conferen the Yellow Medicine Church in ley Falls, Minn. Tuesday, Oct. 1:30 p.m. Speaker will be Mrs. Sheggeby.

The Sioux Falls Circuit of the will hold its fall convention at Nidaros Church at Baltic, S. Dak. day afternoon, Oct. 24. Speakers be Mrs. A. L. Abrahamson and Arlette Pederson.

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320 acre farm for sale in Peace River District, Canada. 5 room house, large barn, granaries and other buildings. Drilled well, 160 acres of Fescue grass. 4 miles to elevator, store and post office. On good all weather road with school bus service. Scandinavian Lutheran community, not too far from church. Price, $6,500. 384-1A

166 acre farm for sale in Winneshiek County, Iowa, with 90 acres under cultivation. Good buildings, water in pasture, REA, phone, church and school nearby, on good crushed rock road, cream and school bus route by door. 384-2A

169 acre farm, 2½ miles from town, for sale in Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. 4 room house, barn, granary, and other buildings. Phone, elec., and school bus service. Lutheran church in town. About 100 acres in field v balance in pasture and hay land, 25 a fine timber in pasture. Price, $75.00 per —easy terms. 384-

80 acres of good land for sale in Lac Parle Co., Minn. 72 acres under cultivat rest in pasture. No buildings. A good inv ment. Immediate possession. 384-

160 acre farm for sale in Polk County, W consin. Full set of buildings, all modern good condition. 2 story brick house, b 76x30. Also house and well on one of eighties across the road. 5 miles to h school, 2 miles to Lutheran church. Bus s ice. Spring possession. 384-

For sale—480 acre stock farm, ½ r from hardsurfaced highway, in Roberts C South Dakota. About 100 acres in cultivati Fair set of buildings, fenced. Price, $20.00 acre. 384-

) acre highly improved farm for sale Sisseton, South Dakota. All in cultivation. house, large barn, silo, granary, double e. Close to highway, REA, phone, mail , close to school. Also 320 acres in this ng but 80 acres with no buildings. Can id with full equipment or just buy the Owner selling due to poor health. 384-7A

r sale—480 acre well improved farm in County, S. Dak., on good highway. REA, route and phone. 380 acres in cultivation. om house, very large barn. In Scandi- n Lutheran community. Ideal set up for al farming. Low down payment and can id on crop share basis—low rate of in- 384-8A

) acre farm for sale in Roberts County, k., ½ mile to school on highway. Good icing soil, good set of buildings. REA, e, mail. 7 room house, large barn, two ries, etc. Reasonable price, small down ent, balance on 50% crop basis. 384-9A

r sale—80 acre well improved farm in eastern South Dakota. Owners retiring. m house, REA, phone, mail route, close hool. About half in cultivation. Land by can be leased. 384-10A

r sale—160 acre farm on graveled vay close to Wilmot, S. Dak. Good soil, 100 acres in cultivation. Lutheran com- ty, ¼ mile to country store. REA, mail 384-11A

r sale—240 acre well improved farm on vay close to Browns Valley, S. Dak. y all in cultivation. Good soil and lo- . REA, phone, mail and school bus route. 384-12A

r sale— 160 acre well improved farm od graveled highway in Roberts County, k. Heavy black soil, REA, phone, close ool. Good buy and good terms. 384-13A

r sale—80 acre small farm with fair set ildings, 5 miles from town in Roberts S. Dak. Mostly all in pasture and hay. near by can be leased. Good home on investment. 384-14A

) acres mostly grazing land for sale in Dakota. Fair set of buildings. Heavy soil, half in cultivation. Near highway. e had for $25.00 per acre. 384-15A

7 acre general stock farm for sale in all County, S. Dak., close to town. On highway, 6 room house, barn 58x42, ry, milk house, close to school. 150 acres ld, black heavy soil. Retiring on account e and health. Ideal set up for combina- peration. Price, $10,000. 384-16A

acre farm for sale in Snohomish Co., ington, 37 acres tillable, good quality on paved road 2½ mi. to town and 3 om church. Large two-story house, large and other buildings. On mail, milk and bus route. Two water systems. Would o sell with cows, 8-10. Possession the f year, down payment $5,000. 384-17A

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ome property for sale in central Cali- —a 2 bedroom home and duplex, 77x t. on same property. Has income of monthly. Write for further information. 384-18B

edroom, modern home for sale in small, town in Chippewa Co., Minn. Lutheran unity which needs a rest home. House ly insulated, with oil heat, city water ewer. 384-19B

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ntry store, modern living quarters, feed and garage for sale in Yellow Medicine Minn. Excellent location, 6 miles from town, across road from Lutheran church. Good business, groceries, gas and oil, tires, feed, hardware, etc. Owner selling due to poor health. 384-20C

For sale—Hardware, bottle gas, Maytag appliance and sporting goods store in McClean Co., N. Dak. Inventory, $9,000; two lots, building and fixtures, $6,000. Ideal spot for electrician or plumber. Lutheran church in town. 384-21C

For sale—I.H.C. dealership in good middle-western Minnesota town. Parts and equipment below 50 per cent of inventory. A 40 years established business, in prosperous Lutheran community. Has to be seen to be appreciated. 384-22C

New Motel of 6 single units and 2 double units for sale in South Dakota. Also living quarters and office for owners. Located on junction of three main hard-surfaced highways. Good business, can be had on terms. Owner selling due to poor health of wife. 384-23C

FOR RENT

One or two rooms, furnished, for rent in South Minneapolis for Christian people, preferably Lutheran. 384-24B

POSITIONS WANTED

Middle-aged man desires position as janitor in Home for the Aged or a hospital. 384-25E

Purchasing agent wants position in the western states or Alaska. Has thirty years' experience in general mercantile business as clerk, buyer, manager and owner of own business. 384-26E

HELP WANTED

Cook is needed in handicraft school of international scope in the mountains of North Carolina. People very pleasant, kitchen and dining hall light, cheery and well equipped. School is 6 miles from town. 384-27F

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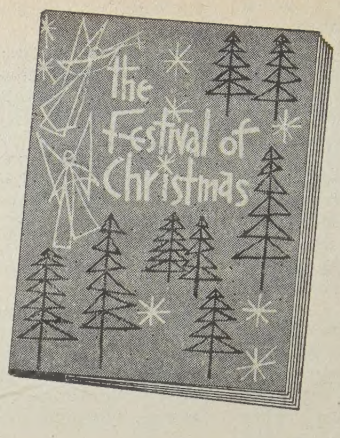

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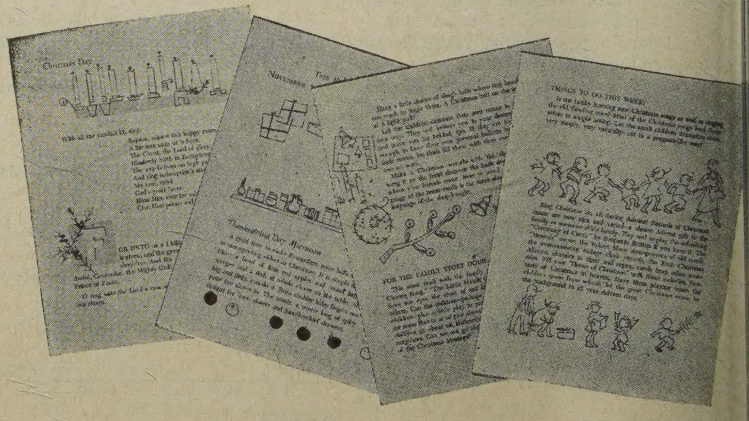

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